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SUBJ: SURINAM WILL TAKE PART IN GROUP OF 77 AND UNCTAD

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1. GOS WILL SEND OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO GROUP OF 77 MEETING AT MANILA JAN 26 - FEB 6 AND TO FOURTH SESSION OF UNCTAD AT NAIROBI IN MAY. DELEGATION TO MANILA MEETING WILL BE COMPOSED OF MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS EDWARD J BRUMA (WHO WILL LEAD DELEGATION); DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HUBERT NARAIN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MINPSTRY OF FINANCE SATIJANAN AMERSINGH; HEAD OF THE BUREAU OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT HEIN YVEL; AND ECONMIST WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JOHANNES MANGAL.

2. IN PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MANILA AND UNCTAD MEETINGS, PRIME MINISTER HENCK A.E. ARRON SAID SURINAM (AN IMPORTANT BAUXITE
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PRODUCER) VIEWS EFFORTS OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCING COUNTRIES

TO OBTAIN "JUST AND HONORABLE" SHARE OF WORLD ECONOMIC PIE
IN A "POSITIVE" LIGHT AND WOULD JOIN WITH OTHERS IN ESTAB-
LISHING "COMMON FRONT" OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT NAIROBI.
HE WAS "MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC" THAT NAIROBI MEETING WOULD
HAVE GOOD RESULTS BECAUSE, HE SAID, "RICH COUNTRIES HAVE
SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE JUST DEMANDS" OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

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3. COMMENT: SURINAM'S CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL
BAUXITE ASSOCIATION DEMONSTRATED GOS' COMMITMENT TO PRODUCER
COUNTRY SOLIDARITY, BUT SURINAM MAY BE RELATIVELY MODERATE
VOICE IN GROUP OF 77 AND UNCTAD, ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES IN
WHICH IT HAS NO DIRECT STAKE. THE ARRON GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY
DISAVOWED ANY INTENTION TO NATIONALIZE BAUXITE COMPANIES AND
HAS RETAINED CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE FORMER
MOTHER COUNTRY.

4. SURINAM'S CHIEF DELEGATE AT MANILA, HOWEVER, IS THE
LEADER OF LEFT-WING MINORITY PARTY WITHIN MODERATE GOVERNING
COALITION AND REPUTEDLY AN ADMIRER OF GUYANA AND CUBA. HE IS
COMSUMATE POLITICIAN AND AVID PUBLICITY SEEKER, AND HAS
OCCASIONALLY DISMAYED OPPOSITION AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS
ALIKE BY HIS THRUSTING POLICIES. IT REMAINS BE SEEN WHETHER
HE WILL DO SO AGAIN AT MANILA, WHERE HE WILL BE FAR REMOVED
FROM RESTRAINING INFLUENCE OF COALITION PARTNERS.

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5. FOR MANILA: WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS
BRUMA MAY MAKE AT CONFERENCE.
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